

coach, and percussion instructor at South Caldwell High School. As you can tell, she is a true renaissance woman.

Recently, her class participated in a project where class members wrote letters to me about different pieces of legislation and asked for my thoughts. In doing so, her students learned a truly invaluable lesson: becoming an informed citizen is one of the most important duties we have as Americans.

Madam Speaker, after talking with Mrs. Schaffer-Greer and learning about her love of teaching, it is clear to me that she leaves an indelible mark on the lives of her students. May she continue to do so for many years in the future.

SOUTHERN BORDER CATASTROPHE CONTINUES

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, our southern border is under siege and President Biden is asleep at the wheel.

Over 40 illegal aliens on the terror watch list have been arrested at the southern border since President Biden took office.

In March of this year, 220,000 illegal aliens were encountered at the southern border, and 62,000 of them evaded Border Patrol agents.

Madam Speaker, that averages out to roughly 2,000 people per day escaping into our country.

So who did Border Patrol agents not catch? Who else is on the terror watch list that escaped into our country?

Madam Speaker, border security is national security, and it is clear that this administration fails to recognize that most basic fact and do its duty.

NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. TENNEY) for 5 minutes.

Ms. TENNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Autism Awareness Month, which we honor in April each year.

Madam Speaker, 1 in 44 children in the United States are diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. The prevalence of autism spectrum disorder has increased 16.3 percent since the year 2000, making it even more important to expand research and provide adequate resources for people who are on the spectrum. By increasing awareness, we can support the more than 5.4 million individuals in America living with autism spectrum disorder.

Our early childcare programs, especially in schools, must have the knowledge, resources, and ability to provide assistance to those living with autism. Early diagnosis and treatment can make all the difference.

I will take a moment to recognize my dear friend, Vincent McLaughlin, of Saugerties, New York, who truly is an inspiration to me and to all of us who are standing there trying to help the cause of autism awareness.

Vincent is an active and dedicated member of his community with full-

time employment and doing volunteer work for the fire department and numerous other not-for-profit agencies in his community. He constantly strives for increased awareness for autism through his selfless service and tenacious advocacy.

Vincent is a shining example of how effective and beneficial early treatment and community empowerment can be for people with autism spectrum disorder.

It is a privilege today to acknowledge April as Autism Awareness Month. May all Americans living with autism receive the tools, resources, and support necessary to live fulfilling lives. Autism should never be a barrier preventing Americans from achieving success or pursuing happiness.

Good luck to all of them, and especially my dear friend, Vincent McLaughlin. Thank you so much for keeping me aware and for inspiring all of us.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SPECIALIST BISHOP EVANS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. TONY GONZALES) for 5 minutes.

Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Texas National Guard Specialist Bishop Evans. Bishop Evans is a hero. He is a name that we all should learn, should know, and should be speaking.

Bishop Evans, this young gentleman, was a National Guardsman. He was stationed in Eagle Pass, Texas. He selflessly gave his life trying to save people. He didn't care what nationality they were. He didn't care the circumstances.

When the situation arose and two people fell or jumped into the river, he immediately took off his body armor. He immediately jumped into the river, and he tried to save these people, and he lost his life doing it.

This is something that here in D.C. we should be talking about. The whole country should be talking about Specialist Bishop Evans. The man is a hero.

There are many men and women that serve that are just like this, that when the time comes, it is a fight-or-flight moment and they are rushing to the fire; they are not running away from it.

I give my condolences to Specialist Evans, his grandparents, Jo Ann and Dannie Johnson, in Arlington, Texas. Their grandson meant everything to them, and they are going to have a funeral this weekend.

I celebrate this man's life. I celebrate what he stands for. I celebrate everything that he has done. He is a patriot. He served our country. He served in Kuwait. He served in Iraq.

This man, when duty called, he answered the call. And here he was, stationed in Eagle Pass, Texas, in my dis-

trict, in Texas 23, and he jumped into the river. He didn't have to do that. He lost his life doing that.

This border crisis has impacted everybody, all parts, all walks of life, Texas. Every State in America has become sucked up into this crisis, and this gentleman here gave his life. He is a hero that we all should remember. Bishop Evans is a hero that we should all remember.

Please say a prayer for his family. I was raised by my grandparents. He was raised by his grandparents. Not all families are traditional families, per se. And his grandparents, they lost a part of them when they lost Specialist Bishop Evans.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF ELLA AND OWEN ROGERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BUSTOS). The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from South Carolina (Ms. MACE) for 5 minutes.

Ms. MACE. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize and commend two of my young constituents from Daniel Island, South Carolina, Ella and Owen Rogers—Ella is 14 and Owen is 17—and their efforts in support of Ukraine and standing in solidarity with the Ukrainian people during one of the toughest times in Ukraine's history.

They are both descendants of their great-great-grandfather, Joseph, who was born in Galicia, Ukraine. Joseph was forced to flee to the United States during the early 20th century due to the armed conflict between Austrian and Russian Empires trying to occupy the region.

The story of their family history shows similarities to what the world has witnessed in the last few months during the beginning of the unconscionable and illegal invasion of Ukraine by Russian forces in late February.

As Ella and Owen Rogers have witnessed these atrocities, as my teenage kids who are very similar in age, these kids have seen these atrocities; have witnessed these war crimes. They have seen it all over social media and television.

But they have spoken with their uncle recently who had been providing humanitarian and military intelligence aid in Warsaw, Poland at the time, and they decided the best way to make a difference was through providing nourishment to mothers and children who are fleeing their home country of Ukraine.

I was recently in Warsaw and in Poland a few weeks ago witnessing the women and children fleeing Ukraine and coming into the country. There are millions of families, particularly women and kids, who have been displaced because their fathers and husbands and partners are staying back home in Ukraine to fight this war.

But they rallied their relatives, their friends, their neighbors, the amazing community of Daniel Island in the